

## Parks & Recreation



#### **RAC 2014 Accomplishments**





### RAC 2014 Mission Statement





The mission of the Recreation Advisory
Commission (RAC) is to advocate for
the Department of Parks and
Recreation and the Durham
Community.





## Recreation Advisory Commission Facts

#### **Board Membership**

 The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) consists of nine members appointed by the Durham City Council.



#### **Meeting Time**

 The RAC meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at Durham Parks & Recreation's main office.



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#### 2014: Master Plan Execution

## Making Connections

- Strong community engagement & outreach
- Strong participation in programs
- Participation in public meetings
- Partnerships with non-profit groups
  - T.A. Grady Recreation Center
  - W.I. Patterson Recreation Center
  - East Durham Recreation Center

# Optimizing Current Facilities & Programs

- Dedicated Maintenance Funding: Half-penny tax for parks and trails
- Ideas for renewing facilities



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#### **2014: Making Connections**

RAC members serve as ambassadors for DPR by fostering and enhancing the relationship between the department and the community. As advocates, the RAC...

- Communicates with neighborhoods and forwards input to DPR.
- Participates in the community through athletic leagues and leadership roles in recreation organizations.
- Approves support for partnerships with local organizations. The partnerships can include allowing access to recreational activities for individuals with limited resources (fee waivers).







Red Maple Park: Community Meeting August 13, 2014









#### American Tobacco Trail bridge

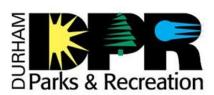














2014 NCRPA Distinguished Legislator Award: 10/6/2014 at City Council meeting. Award presentation for Councilmember Schewel.









#### **RAC Involvement**

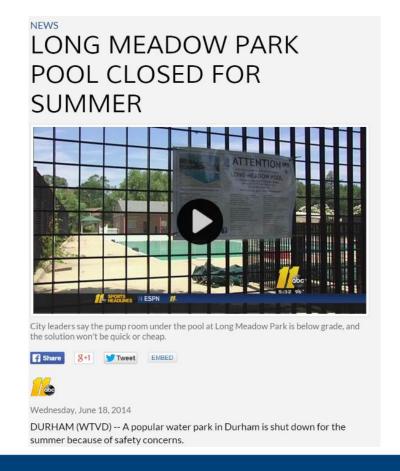
- Red Maple Park event
- BPAC
- Coffees with Council
- Hillandale Golf Course Advisory Committee
- Duke Park Neighborhood Association meetings
- Senior Holiday Party
- Outdoor festivals
- PAC meetings
- Mt. Merrill Playground dedication
- Playful Cities USA Leaders Summit, Chicago
- DOST Liaison
- Durham Community Trail Watch Group
- Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities



# 2014: Optimizing Current Facilities & Programs





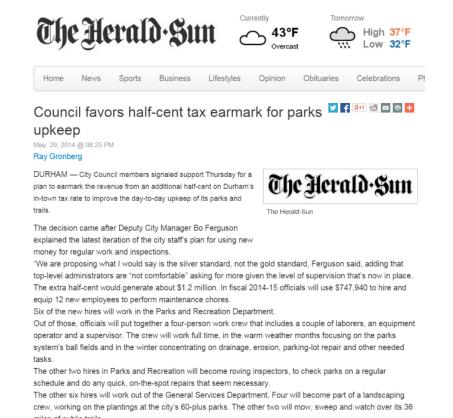




# 2014: Optimizing Current Facilities & Programs







Ferguson said the General Services end of the hiring plan will offer a "100 percent improvement" on what that department has managed in years past, when the press of other priorities meant it gave virtually no attention to

Administrators are coupling the hiring plan to an inspection and upkeep schedule customized for each park in

parks landscaping and little to the trails.

the city system.







### **2014 Highlights**

Month	Activity
January	<ul> <li>2013 Highlights</li> <li>Community outreach – NC Juvenile Institute</li> <li>2014 Looking forward – goals and objectives</li> </ul>
February	<ul><li>Park Restroom study</li><li>DCVB Sports meeting</li><li>CIP allocation</li></ul>
March	<ul> <li>Penny Tax for Parks, Open Space, and Trails</li> <li>ATT I-40 bridge</li> <li>Maintenance and Operations Plan</li> <li>PAC meetings</li> <li>Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and NCCU relationships</li> </ul>
April	<ul> <li>Penny Tax - City Council parks tour</li> <li>Fee waiver process refinement</li> <li>Pool assessment and Long Meadow closure situation</li> </ul>







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May	<ul> <li>Long Meadow Pool closure and implications</li> <li>PAC meetings discussion (from City Council suggestion during annual report presentation)</li> <li>JCPC funding concerns</li> <li>Sports commission</li> </ul>
June	<ul> <li>DPR Operations Building and transition from Duke Park</li> <li>Red Maple Park planning</li> <li>Dedicated Tax funding initial overview</li> </ul>
August	<ul> <li>Red Maple Park event – extremely successful community engagement event</li> <li>Dedicated Tax Funding review</li> </ul>
September	<ul> <li>ATT updates</li> <li>Pool assessment</li> <li>Half-Penny projects</li> <li>Guest Speaker: Triangle Flying Disc Association (Jason Parker)</li> </ul>







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October	<ul> <li>Councilman Schewel NCRPA Distinguished legislator award</li> <li>Half-penny tax report</li> <li>Red Maple Park follow up</li> </ul>
November	<ul> <li>Vandalism report discussion</li> <li>Playful City USA Summit report</li> <li>Pre-CIP list</li> <li>Community engagement and PAC representation</li> <li>Guest Speakers: <ul> <li>Central Park proposed improvements (Ann Alexander)</li> <li>Kidznotes (Katie Wyatt)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
December	<ul><li>Pre-CIP list and priorities</li><li>Future funding priorities</li><li>Fee waiver process</li></ul>







### **RAC Meetings**













# 2014-2015 DPR Challenges & Opportunities

- Priorities & processes for fund allocations and fee waivers
- Vandalism of parks and recreation facilities
- Next steps for community engagement events
- Growth and looking forward
- Commission transitions (expired terms and new members)



## 2014 RAC Commission Statement & Members

The RAC is pleased to serve the City of Durham, Mayor and City Council as advisors on Parks and Recreation.



Cheryl LeMay (Chair)

Omar Beasley (Mayor's Appointee and Vice Chair)

Steve Schewel (City Council Liaison)

Cathy Brennan

Gene Carleton

Marge Clemons

Ronnie Ferrell

**David Green** 

Loren Darden

Susan Taylor

